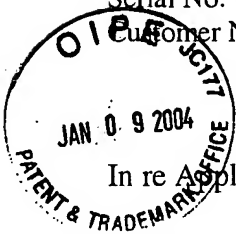


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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 9, 2003 to which a response is due with a three-month extension by January 9, 2004. In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in the application.

Please reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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